

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

Monday, April 29

7:30 am † Don McMullin

9:00 am † Anne Furey

11:00 am † *Pro Populo*

Monday, April 30

12:00 pm † Dolores Maria Jaramillo

Tuesday, May 1

12:00 pm † John Gearan

Wednesday, May 2

12:00 pm † Barbara Perez

Thursday, May 3

12:00 pm † Thomas de Megyery

Friday, May 4 Mrs. George H. Bush

12:00 pm †

Saturday, May 5

5:00 pm † Frederick Cox

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Thank you very much for your generosity to the weekly Collections at Mass: **The Offertory Collection** last weekend was \$6,431. **The Faith Direct Online Collection** for the first half of April was \$2,365. (We report to you the online giving amount twice a month.) Enroll in eGiving through @FaithDirect so you can support St. Ann from anywhere. To enroll, just go to www.faithdirect.net or download the free app and use our church code: DC811. God bless and thank you!

Msgr. Watkins is away from May 2 to May 9 in Lourdes, France with the Order of Malta and sends his prayers from the Grotto where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette in 1859.

New Parishioners: If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are available at the main entrance of the Church or from the Rectory Office. Completed forms may be returned by dropping them in the Sunday collection basket, mailed, or brought to the Rectory. Please let us know if you are relocating or moving away by dropping a note at stann@stanndc.org

Sick Calls: Please email us at stann@stanndc.org, to notify the Pastor of any sick, homebound or those hospitalized, so that we may arrange to bring them the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Saint of the Week: Catherine of Siena 1347-1380.

(*Feast April 29*) Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Sienese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Sienese church. Named a Doctor of the Church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.



Eucharistic Adoration: Join us every First Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. During your busy schedule, take a moment to visit Saint Ann's for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. If you have been looking for something to enhance your prayer life, spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Church doors open at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar to join us on **Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00pm**. Doors open at 5:30pm.

First Friday of the month: Join us this Friday, **May 4 and every first Friday of the month at 12:00noon** for Mass and the blessing for the sick with the Relic of St. Ann. St. Ann, pray for us. Join us also after every 12:00noon Mass for the Rosary.

St. Ann's Ice Cream Social Sunday on April 29: Come celebrate spring and say hello to our pastor, Msgr. Watkins, at the St. Ann's Ice Cream Social on **Sunday April 29 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the St. Ann's Gym**. Also come and greet the priests and seminarians of the St. John Society who just moved in the convent. Please stop in for a tasty treat, meet your fellow parishioners and learn about easy ways to serve your parish, including how to become an altar server, a lector or an usher. See you there.

St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Kickoff Sunday, May 20: Did you know that St. Ann's celebrates its 150th anniversary next year? Please join us on **Sunday, May 20 at 12:15pm** (just after the 11:00am Mass) in the Undercroft for the kickoff meeting of St. Ann's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. To reach the Undercroft, enter through the gates on Wisconsin Avenue to the left of the church and walk downstairs. We welcome your ideas and participation.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families: Annual Benefit on **Wednesday, May 2 from 6:00 to 8:00pm, St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families** will host its annual benefit reception and awards ceremony at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. St. Ann's Center has a 158-year history committed to lifting at-risk children, mothers, and families out of poverty and homelessness. For more information, call 301-559-5500 or Email: events@stanns.org.

DC Theology on Top: Young professionals are invited to join DCCatholic-Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington on **Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 to 8:00pm at Buffalo Billiards, Dupont Circle** for a Theology on Tap Q&A session hosted by Cardinal Wuerl! Submit your questions at adw.org/tot or on social media using #AskWuerl! #totDC

Saint John Paul II National Shrine: The Saint John Paul II National Shrine holds a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the Redemptor Hominis Church. Each week of the year, the prayer service will be led by a different parish, group, or movement in the Archdiocese of Washington. The initiative will highlight and celebrate the diversity and richness of our local communities of faith. It will also foster the sharing of inspiration and ways of worshiping in a spirit of communion. To learn more contact, Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani at Anne.Giuliani@jp2shrine.org or 202-635-5428.

Friends & Neighbors Breakfast: May 3, 2018. Friendship Place will hold its 14th annual breakfast on Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 8:30am to 9:30am, at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St., N.W. Our Parish has been a long-time supporter of Friendship Place - each year, the Youth Group prepares shoe boxes for its consumers and supports its work through the "Souper Bowl" collection. Please join the St. Ann's table so you can learn more about how Friendship Place helps the homeless in our local area - and so we can have a big turnout from St. Ann's! Contact Ted Hirt at tedhirt@comcast.net, or Kathy Curran at kcurran@chausa.org, if you are interested in attending this event. Space will be limited. This is a fund-raising event, but whether you contribute or not is voluntary.

Supporting Josephite Seminarians: For over 140 years, the Josephites have long been a key to the vibrant black Catholic presence in the Washington and Baltimore area. St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, DC, located just blocks from the Basilica, has formed Josephite priests and brothers for serving the African-American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and personal witness. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites you to join them in support of Josephite seminarians. Since most of the seminarians are far from home, the Council has decided to support each of them with a monetary gift. To donate, send a check by June 1, made payable to ACCW, to Sonia Bobis, ACCW Treasurer, 13901 Belle Chasse Blvd., #311, Laurel, MD 20707. Questions? Contact Carol-Ann Parker, ACCW Service Commission Chair, at 904-287-7862 or carolannparker1965@gmail.com.

Domestic Church Day: Parenting in the Modern World. Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on **May 5th, from 1:00 to 6:00pm** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Balancing Bonding and Boundaries: Parenting in the Modern World." To register call (202) 635-5400 or email: events@jp2shrine.org.

Respect Life News: In the last bulletin, we described pro-life success in overcoming legislative measures that would have legalized physician assisted suicide (PAS) in Connecticut. Earlier we reported success in similar attempts to legalize PAS in Maryland and Massachusetts. In the District of Columbia, the "Death with Dignity Act of 2016" went into effect on February 18, 2017 and was implemented on June 6, 2017. The District is the 6th jurisdiction in the United States to pass such legislation. On April 5, 2018, Hawaii became the 7th after Governor David Ige (D) signed into law the "Our Care, Our Choice Act." In the District, however, the Washington Post on April 11 printed an article titled "No takers for D.C.'s law on ending life." Similarly, the "Death with Dignity" website referred viewers to the following: "DC patients unable to use aid-in-dying law as paperwork jams," WUSA9, 4/6/2018; "DC Patients Say They Can't Find Doctors to Prescribe Life-Ending Drugs," NBC; Washington, 4/6/2018. The Post article (page B 1) tells us that almost a year after the D.C. law was enacted so "terminally ill patients" could "end their lives--over the objections of congressional Republicans, religious groups and advocates for those with disabilities ---not a single patient has used it." Moreover, the article continues: "And just two of the approximately 11,000 physicians licensed to practice in the District have registered to help patients end their lives" and only "one hospital [Sibley!] has cleared doctors to participate." Predictably, the DC Council, overwhelmingly pro-PAS, having passed the "Death with Dignity Act," eleven to two, is considering rule changes to make it easier for patients to kill themselves. Not only is the Council "considering" such changes, but so is the nationwide so called "Compassion and Choices" organization, a group relentlessly pro-PAS. Accordingly, this "group has been talking to local health officials about revisiting these rules," The Post article also notes (smugly) that among African Americans, PAS "is especially controversial...because of a historical distrust of the health care system" as if African Americans had no moral objections to PAS. Fairly, the article quotes Kevin Donovan, director of Georgetown medical center's Pellegrino center for bioethics, and a PAS opponent. "It's very difficult for" physicians "to directly send their patients to death because everything in their training is to try and do what's good for their patients." So, for now, because PAS proponents will continue their lethal efforts, we quote the proverb: "God writes straight with crooked lines."

The 16th Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage: On Saturday, May 5, the 16th Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This annual event brings together many Asian and Pacific Island Catholic communities to celebrate their heritage and Marian devotions. Bishop Oscar A. Solis of Salt Lake City, Chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs, will be the main celebrant and homilist. Confession begins at 12pm, with the Procession and Call to Prayer at 1:00pm, Rosary at 2:00pm, and Holy Mass at 2:30pm. Call (202) 541-3384 and (703)472-2032;